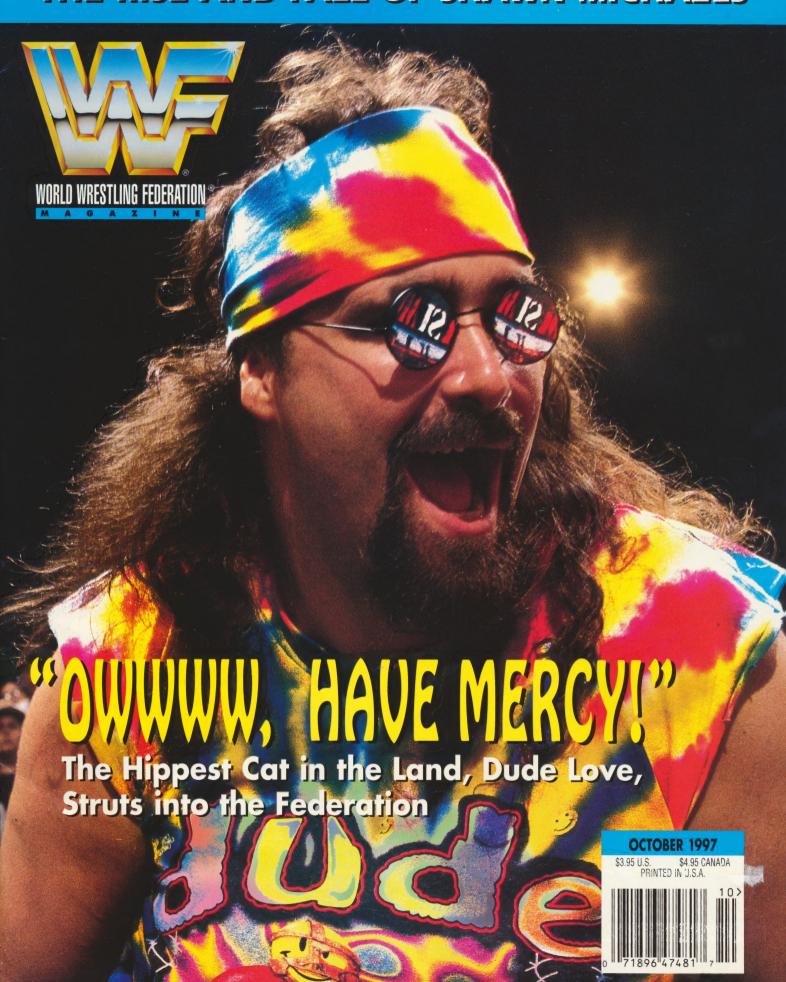
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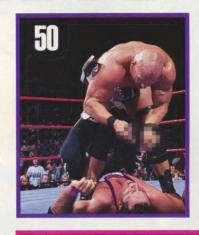
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THE ROOT OF IT ALL!

Los Boricuas Pride Themselves On Their Heritage!







Name: Crystal Ward

Age: 13

Hometown: Rutledge, Tennessee **School:** Rutledge Middle School

Grade: Seventh

Future Ambition: To be a manager in the

World Wrestling Federation.

Favorite Federation Superstar: The Undertaker

Least Favorite Federation Superstar: Bret "Hit Man" Hart

What I like best about the World Wrestling Federation:

All the amazing athletes from around the world.

If I were president of the World Wrestling Federation,
I would: Have every match "No Holds Barred" style.

What I do when I'm not watching the

World Wrestling Federation: Play my music or go on the World Wrestling Federation site on America Online.

Name: Heather Wetzel

Age: 16

Hometown: Carlisle, Pennsylvania **School:** Carlisle High School

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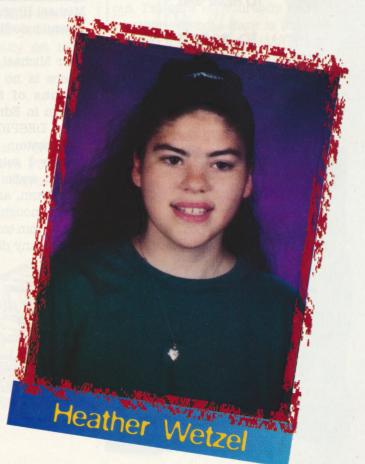
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Wrestling Federation: Read my World Wrestling
Federation Magazines, listen to my Full Metal CD or talk
on the phone!





Letter

Dear Editor,

At July's "Canadian Stampede", you interviewed all these Canadian fans, and all they did was bash the United States! There wasn't one positive thing said about us! What I want to know is why didn't World Wrestling Federation producers get thoughts from the American fans in attendance? It's wrong that you didn't! I personally don't have anything against Canadians, but they totally dissed my country. Not every American is without family values, so why didn't they give us a chance to answer back? Rocky Cordone St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Rocky,

I've got to be honest with you—I was at the "Canadian Stampede", and I don't think there were ANY American fans in attendance! The Harts without a doubt had the home field advantage, and I wouldn't be surprised if anybody passing off AMERICAN money was turned away at the ticket booth!



Fax

Dear Editor.

Can someone tell me why the entire Hart Family was allowed at ringside for July's "Canadian Stampede" Pay-Per-View? I realize that it was on the Hart Foundation's turf and the family had every right to be there, but FRONT ROW? World Wrestling Federation officials were just asking for trouble when they didn't escort Bruce Hart from the ringside area after he tossed his drink on Stone Cold Steve Austin! I mean, the match turned into 10-on-5 in favor of the Foundation with the rest of the Hart family there! Why even let the other brothers near the action when you knew they would eventually get into the fight? Bradley Tults

Dear Bradley,

Bangor, Maine

It's called PULL my friend! The Harts have more PULL in Calgary than John Wayne had in the west!

E-mail

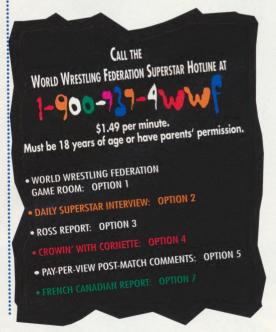
Dear Editor,

I've got to admit I was one of the millions of fans who was shocked to hear that the Undertaker's brother—Kane was alive! At first, I was very cynical on the entire situation, and I know many felt the same. But after knowing this secret for so long, why did Paul Bearer become the Undertaker's manager in the first place? I mean, if he knew for over 20 years that the Man from the Dark Side supposedly killed his parents, why befriend him in the first place? That leads me to believe Bearer isn't telling the entire truth!

Joanne Dominico ctinkle@xl.ca

Dear Joanne,

Hey, as they say in Brooklyn, "YOU TELL ME, AND WE'LL BOTH KNOW!" The truth is, by the time this magazine comes out, I'm sure we'll already know whether—or not—Kane is indeed alive or if Paul Bearer is nothing more than a chubby piece of timber whose only friends are a cat, a goldfish and a lonely old Italian man!



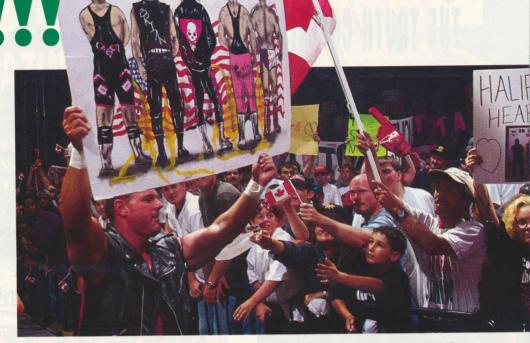


THIS!!!

BOZOS have to cheer about? When's the last time the Montreal Canadiens won a Stanley Cup? Or for that matter, ANY Canadian team?! Huh? You tell me and we'll BOTH know!!! And, how about those Expos? The BAY CITY ROLLERS drew more people than they do!!! Why do you think so many Expos opt for free-agency? Who the hell would want to work in a country where you need a calculator to figure out how much a bag of Peanut M&M's is going to cost you?!!!

Shall I go on? Donovan Bailey. Are you going to base an ENTIRE century of sports in your country on the fact that ONE GUY WON ONE RACE?! C'MON!!! If MOUNTIES were chasing me, I could probably do the 50 in 0.4 seconds, too!!! BUT WAIT—THERE'S MORE!!! THE CFL?! WHAT THE @#\$%! is that?! Doesn't DOUG FLUTIE still play in that league?! WHEN'S THE LAST TIME HE THREW A PASS THAT MEANT ANYTHING?! Can you say—BOSTON FREAKIN' COLLEGE!!

All right, maybe I'm being too critical.



You guys do have TWO things going for you. BOB & DOUG MACKENZIE! I always did dig those two guys, EH?!! But, aside from that... THERE AIN'T TOO MUCH ELSE!!!

MOOSEHEADS, LISTEN UP!!! GET YOUR HEADS OUT OF THE SNOW!!! THE HARTS HAVE SUCKED YOU IN! DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?! THEY'VE SUCKED YOU IN!!! They threw out the morse bunker, AND YOU SWALLOWED!!! The United States didn't start this thing... THEY DID!!! And before you declare war on us... YOU'D BETTER RE-LOAD YOUR DAMN SUPER SOAKERS—EH!!!





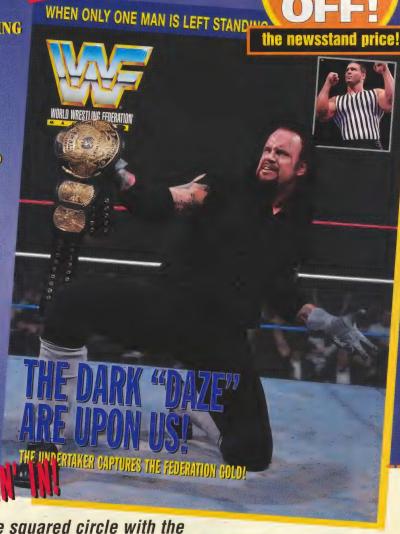
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TOUR

September

- 19 Poughkeepsie, NY
- 20 Tunkhannock, PA
- 21 Asbury Park, NJ
- 22 MSG, NYC (RAW IS WAR)
- 23 Albany, NY (RAW IS WAR)
- 24 Toledo, OH
- 25 Ft. Wayne, IN
- 26 Rockford, IL
- 27 Champaign, IL
- 28 Green Bay, WI

October

- 3 Winnipeg, MAN, CAN
- 4 St. Paul, MN
- 5 St. Louis, MO (In Your House)
- 6 Kansas City, MO (RAW IS WAR)
- 7 Topeka, KS (RAW IS WAR)
- 11 Anaheim, CA
- 12 San Jose, CA
- 13 San Diego, CA

MANA WATE OF COURT

Since the launch of the World Wrestling Federation's official WEB site last June—www.wwf.com—one of the more popular attractions for loyal cybersurfers has been "Byte This!"... the audio show hosted by Federation personalities Vic Venom and Kevin Kelly!

Each week, Double K and the native New Yorker jump on the information super highway to chat with Federation superstars, chew the fat with fans and get the "bottom line" on the hottest wrestling rumors flooding the internet! While most 1-900 wrestling hotlines charge you an arm and two legs to hear sweet nothings for 10

minutes, all you need is a computer and a set of speakers to hear the unadulterated TRUTH from Vic and Kevin!

The show, taped on Thursdays and available for download on Friday afternoons, has become one of the most popular wrestling forums on the WEB. For fans who aren't as "technically sound" as other internet junkies, a Real Audio Player version 4.0 (for Windows) is needed to get tapped into the online action. Complete instructions are also available on-site (presently at www.wwf.com and soon to be at www.wwfwrestlemania.com).



WE'RE IN A NEW YORK STATE OF MIND!

While fans living in the Big Apple get their fair share of World Wrestling Federation action year-round at Madison Square Garden and Nassau Coliseum, they have a new reason to celebrate with We New York—a new programming venture exclusive to the city that never sleeps!

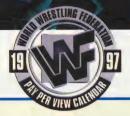
Last January, Federation officials chose the Big Apple as the birthplace of Shotgun Saturday Night—the program for a more mature late-night audience that succeeded in "throwing caution to the wind"! Now, almost eight months later, those same Titan suits plan to follow the nation-wide prosperity of Shotgun with We New York.

The program—which is broadcast on Saturday mornings at 11 AM on channel 31 (WPXN-TV) and Saturday nights at 11 pm on channel 55 (WLNY-TV)—features exclusive match commentary by Jim Ross and James E. Cornette! AND... you never know when "New Yawk" native Vic Venom will make an appearance to put the "bite" on various superstars in his own brand of no-nonsense interviews! If you are one of the millions of Federation fans living in the tri-state area, check your local listings for availability!



TOP FIVE OTHER CAUSES FOR KANE'S DISFIGUREMENT:

- The teen-aged punk at the local fast-food place didn't put the @#\$% coffee lid on tight enough!
- 🔏 Word got back to "Iron Mike" that Kane rooted for Holyfield
- See what sitting too close to the television can do to you!?
- Learned the hard way that you shouldn't trim your nose hairs with a weed whacker!
- . He accidentally saw Paul Bearer in his birthday suit!



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Quote of the month

"Owwww! Steve-O... looks like you could need a little help, my man, like maybe a tag team partner! What's the matter, don't you recognize me? I don't blame you for not teaming up with that mutilated freak Mankind, but you never said anything about teaming up with the hippest cat in the land! Steve-O, BABY, it's me, DUDE LOVE... and I'm comin' to save the day! LORD HAVE MERCY!"

Dude Love, prior to teaming with Stone Cold Steve Austin in his first appearance on RAW IS WAR



times a week. Then my dad made a deal with a guy named Ted Bentley, who he was building a big house for at the time. Bentley told my dad that if he would give him a deal on the gas fittings for the house that he would teach me how to become a professional wrestler.

EDITOR: At ten years old, when you were first introduced to wrestling, were you physically a big kid?

BULLDOG: No, I was really small. I was really, really skinny.

EDITOR: As a child growing up, who were some of your role models? Who did you look up to?

BULLDOG: That's really hard to say. My ex-partner, the Dynamite Kid, was a good role model for me. He was wrestling professionally in England at the time, so I'd have to say him.

EDITOR: At ten years you get into amateur wrestling. At such a young age, did you realize that this was what you wanted to do with your life or did you have other ambitions besides this?

BULLDOG: No, I had no idea that one day I'd be a professional wrestler. I thought I'd have a normal job like my dad, or my mum, or my brother.

EDITOR: What did you aspire to be?

BULLDOG: With it being a long time ago, you know, I just wanted to satisfy my parents. I wanted to show them that they brought up a good kid. I just wanted to make sure that they were happy and I was happy, no matter what I did... whether it be working on the gas board or whatever.

EDITOR: What kind of student were you?

BULLDOG: So-so. As I got older, when I got to the age of 12, I realized then that I wanted to become a professional wrestler. So, that's where most of my time and energy went.

EDITOR: Did you play any other

sports, besides wrestling, at the time?

BULLDOG: Yes, I played rugby.

EDITOR: As a teenager, would you consider yourself outgoing? Or were you more reserved?

BULLDOG: I was pretty quiet and shy. I did what I was told and tried to make people happy. I tried not to cause any trouble at all... just do my job and do it the best I could.

EDITOR: What did you do after you graduated from high school?

BULLDOG: I never graduated from high school. I turned pro at 15 and I left school when I was 16.

EDITOR: So tell me about your first professional bout and how that came about.

BULLDOG: Well, one day my trainer came up to me and gave me a letter. I opened it up and it read, "You've got your first professional match, it's going to be in Birmingham and you're going to be facing Bernie Wright." I was totally shocked! I was only 15 at the time and I didn't plan on turning pro until I was at least 17 or 18! But the promoter wanted a younger kid to show the people in England that the younger kids could do it, too!

EDITOR: At 15, were you physically bigger at that point?

BULLDOG: No, not really. I was about 140 pounds.

EDITOR: What do you remember about that night of your first professional wrestling match?

BULLDOG: I remember when I was driving down there, I was really nervous. I had many matches in that professional ring at the gym, but I had never had a match in front of a live

audience. I remember walking in the dressing room and there were all these big, humongous guys, all looking at me and thinking, "What's this young punk doing here? He doesn't belong in here." I felt very intimidated, you know, I was shy and I just sat in the corner all by myself and put my boots on. I went in the ring and I got a pretty good ovation because I was only 15. I put on a helluva show for them and from that day on, the promoter told me I was hired full time. He decided then to put me on TV with his big brother, who was known as "Big Daddy" against Giant Haystacks and somebody else. I went on TV, on Wild World of Sports, which was a big show in England.

EDITOR: And you're only 15 at this point?

BULLDOG: Yes. That was on a

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things." Diana would tell her dad she was going somewhere else, which I didn't know at the time, and then come over and take me out for some thing to eat. Then it would start getting late, and Stu would be calling Bret's house saying, "Where's my daughter? Where's my daughter?" [In Stu's voice]. Bret would say "I don't know." And then Stu would ask, "Is Davey Boy there?" Bret would say, "No, he's not here." But usually I was, sitting outside Bret's house and talking to Diana in the car. Bret would then come out and tell Diana, "You'd better get home

because you're gonna get Davey fired. Dad's really mad."

EDITOR: So, after a while, Stu kind of figured out what was going on?

BULLDOG: Yes, but it took him a long time.

EDITOR: Bring me into how you got your first break with the World Wrestling Federation.

BULLDOG: I was with Stampede Wrestling and Vince wanted to either buy out Stampede Wrestling or come in with some of his own shows. Stu and Vince then struck a deal, with

part of it being that Vince agreed to use some of Stu's top guys in the Federation—like Bret, myself and Dynamite. Unfortunately at the time, Dynamite and I were working in Japan. Bret was the only one available so he went to the World Wrestling Federation first. Shortly thereafter, Vince saw a tape of me and Dynamite from Japan and saw all of the aerial tactics we did and told Stu that "he had to have those two guys." He then called me up and asked me if we'd like to come to the World Wrestling Federation. So, we flew into Toronto [Ontario] and it seemed just too good to be true. After a week and a half, two weeks, Dynamite and I looked at each other, got on a plane and went home. I don't think Vince even knew about it.

EDITOR: Was it just overwhelming?

BULLDOG: We were just overwhelmed with the guys, you know. They were like, "Who are these guys? We're the top stars." The boys treated us like scum, you know, when in fact we were the big names in western Canada. So, Dynamite and I said, "Screw it! We're leaving!" So, we got on the plane and went home. To put it mildly, we quit. Vince couldn't believe it! Bret then called me up and I told him that it just wasn't our cup of tea. I told him that maybe one day we'd go back, but right now we're not. We're just going to wrestle for Stu and do our Japan tours, because in Japan, they really liked us. We were booked solid in Japan. So, Vince called me up a second time and said that he wanted to see us and talk to us. He wanted to hear what the problems were. I remember we flew out to Toronto and met with Vince and Jack Tunney in a Howard Johnson's. When we walked into the room, Vince was on the phone with Mr. T at the time. I'll never forget it. They were talking about WrestleMania, with Roddy Piper boxing Mr. T. I looked at Dynamite and said, "It looks like this thing's really taking off!" Mr. T was on The A-Team! So we talked to Vince and told him we would come back, but we had to fulfill a five-week obligation in Japan first.

EDITOR: Let's talk about the British Bulldogs. You and the Dynamite Kid definitely—without a doubt— were a tag team ahead of your time. Would you say that your and the Dynamite Kid's style was something that was developed in Japan? Or were you both always those type of workers?

BULLDOG: We always worked that way. But when we got to Japan, we turned it up a few notches, you know. The people were just overwhelmed at what we could dowhat Dynamite could do when he wrestled Tiger Mask or what I could do when I wrestled Cobra. We then just brought it all back to the states. The people were used to watching Big John Studd slugging it out against Andre the Giant. Then here come two English guys stepping in the ring against the Moondogs or Rene Goulet, whoever it might be, you know. Whether it was with Greg Valentine or Brutus Beefcake, we could just turn it on! Drop-kicks and flying elbows off the top rope. I'd press Dynamite and throw him across the ring for a flying headbutt. They had never seen that kind of wrestling.

EDITOR: Now, you and Dynamite were a successful tag team, champions on a couple of occasions. Eventually you broke up and went your separate ways. Why?

BULLDOG: We were doing a tour of Japan and Vince was trying to negotiate a deal with Baba [a Japanese promoter] at the time. was on tour with Dynamite, Don Muraco and a couple of other American wrestlers. I think it was after the incident with the Rougeau Brothers—during their prior stay in the World Wrestling Federation, the Dynamite Kid had gotten into a vicious locker room fight with Jacques Rougeau... Anyway, Vince asked Dynamite, "When would you like to come back? When are you available?" Dynamite's answer was, "In about ten years." Everybody laughed—like ha-ha, you know, he got Vince McMahon. But, Dynamite wasn't kidding. Vince then asked me if I would ever consider coming back



EDITOR: How does it feel, after all these years in the World Wrestling Federation, to work on the same side—for the first time ever—with all your family members—Owen, Bulldog and the Anvil? Is that something you always wanted to do in this business?

BULLDOG: You know, it's really weird. You've got Brian Pillman, who started out in Stampede wrestling, then went on to independent work and then went down and became a pretty big name in WCW. You've got the Anvil, who's been hired and fired more times... so many times I forgot. And you've got Bret and Owen. who've been with the Federation the longest. So, for all of the family to reunite at the "Canadian Stampede" [in July], I thought was tremendous. We received a tremendous ovation. With my wife Diana by my side, who'd just won "Mrs. Calgary", I thought the chances of that all coming together were slim and none. It was very hard to believe that Brian Pillman would one day be in our corner in Calgary.

EDITOR: How would you compare that, which was really a great scene, to that at the Wembley Stadium? Did it mean just as much? How would you compare the two?

meant more to me because the Intercontinental Championship belt was on the line, my wife Diana was there in my corner and, of course, 82,000 English people were backing me. Stu, my mom and dad, everyone was there!

EDITOR: In your opinion, who is the most talented wrestler in the Hart family and why?

BULLDOG: Bret. He has been around for so long. He has wrestled so many people, from 200 pounds to 400 pounds. He's one of the best technical wrestlers in the business today. I know Bret. I read Bret like a book. I know what he's going to do and when he's going to do it. Bret is the one... then Owen.

EDITOR: Davey, it's no secret that you are known throughout the World Wrestling Federation as the "ribber" [practical joker] of the Federation.

BULLDOG: [LAUGHS]

EDITOR: In your opinion, throughout all these years, can you tell us what your best rib was ever?

BULLDOG: My best rib...?

EDITOR: Of all time...

BULLDOG: [PAUSING, HESITAT-

ING]

EDITOR: One that you can tell.

BULLDOG: I would say [LAUGH-ING] being teamed with Lex was a pretty good rib [LAUGHING].

EDITOR: [HEARTY LAUGH]

BULLDOG: I think it was at a Monday Night RAW when I locked all these goats and pigs in Vince's office.

EDITOR:

[LAUGH-ING] Oh yeah, I remember that. Speaking of Vince McMahon, having worked with him for so long... maybe only Bret has worked longer... I think you've worked with him even longer than Owen.

BULLDOG: Yes I have.

EDITOR: In your own words, what are your feelings about Vince and how would you describe him?

BULLDOG: He's a great businessman. He knows how to produce TV. He's a great commentator. He's good in one-on-one conversations.

EDITOR: When all is said

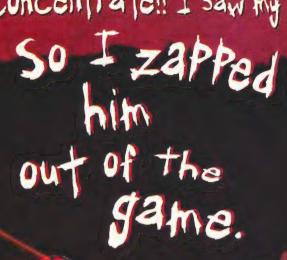
and done and you decide to hang it up and call it a career, how do you want people to remember you?

BULLDOG: As one of the best technical wrestlers and the best European wrestler who ever came out of England, which I am. You've got... What's the guy's name? Steve Regal, who's a complete joke in my eyes. Your Dave Taylors and your Fit Findlays, I'm the best wrestler who's ever come out of England and the best European wrestler ever in the World Wrestling Federation.





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Inside the steel barriers of the Ultimate Fighting Championship's Octagon, Shamrock often stared down opponents more than twice his size, and each time the end

result resembled hell on earth for the opposing combatant. It wasn't his impressive frame that gave him the advantage, but rather the mindset of a warrior with zero tolerance for defeat. Like flicking a switch, seeing the athlete's calm nature in the locker room only makes it that much more disturbing when face-to-face with a

terminator who has no apprehension about ending another's career.

It was in that same Octagon battle-ground that the "World's Most Dangerous Man" gained his nick-name—a suitable label for a fighter who can crush your nose with one fist and send a stream of crimson dripping down the back of your throat. Unlike former fellow UFC competitors, such as Tank Abbott, Don Frye and Royce Gracie—who used reputation to intimidate opponents—Shamrock simply mapped out a plan of leaving his nemesis a near-crippled mess on the canvas... then executed it to perfection.

Based on his gift of inflicting near deadly force alone, one might think this fighting machine would have ended up behind bars of a different kind years ago. The fact is, Shamrock was—and continues to be—a devoted husband and loving father outside the bare-knuckled realm. It's only when the street clothes come off does the No Holds Barred fighter enter the "zone" of aggression. Inside the walls of the Octagon, no judge, jury or executioner could condemn him for turning pain into an entirely new art. form. Five minutes only... that's all it took to prove his case.

According to Shamrock, however, he shifted his career to a

different battleground after the once reliable UFC became involved in a series of court decisions that often barred the contests from certain locations. Local government bodies

It wasn't his

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were forcing him to fight their brand of combat, which meant taking away the very tools he needed to make his livelihood. It was like cutting off the hands of a skilled surgeon... and the result made the decision to move on all too easy for

Shamrock. However, walking away from established success meant proving himself in another venture, which turned out to be the World Wrestling Federation this past February.

Shortly after his refereeing duties at WrestleMania 13 were completed, word got around the Federation

locker rooms that the No Holds Barred fighter was joining the ranks. Some veteran superstars, like Hunter Hearst-Helmsley, saw this recruitment as an invasion of their turf. Within a few months' time, however, Shamrock was one twist away from shredding every tendon in their kneecaps. Whatever claim they had against him entering "their" ring was wiped clean the moment he decided whether they would ever walk again. Forget about playing the role of the "rookie" and taking a backseat to million-dollar crybabies—the Ultimate Fighting Champion was here to grab the competition by the throat... and snap it if necessary.

What his opponents could not quite understand was that, although this was a new arena for Shamrock, it was still HIS zone of warfare. While they put up a valiant effort inside the ring ropes, little did they fathom it was still his intention to break bones if necessary. You see, the transition from the Ultimate Fighting realm to the World Wrestling Federation went smoother than expected for the California native, and now the







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By Lou Gianfriddo

hen Crush joined the Nation of Domination last year, the Nation's leader Faarooq promised the big man the world... and everything in it. Faaroog filled Crush's head with visions of World Wrestling Federation Championship glory and all the riches that accompany the position—both the financial and female varieties. The Nation's leader also told the massive athlete from Hawaii's Kona Coast that he

would be hated by most and feared by all, as long as he faithfully watched Faaroog's back and dutifully acted out any order—without question—on behalf of the Nation.

In June of this year, the world witnessed firsthand just how much Faaroog appreciated Crush's services. During an episode of RAW IS WAR, Faarooq said he'd had enough of his personnel and was looking to restructure

the organization into a more viable, albeit brutal, force in the Federation.

Without apology, Faarooq fired him before the eyes of millions. Crush was furious. He had done anything and everything Faaroog asked of him, and did so with the dispatch of a bellhop. This was his thanks? His planning and scheming and loyalty for the Nation were for nought... Crush was hung out to dry.

He let the shock build inside him and then, with revenge his burning motive, returned to his Hawaiian roots and recruited his lifelong friends in an effort to even the score with the "New" Nation of Domination—now reorganized with new members Ahmed Johnson, Kama Bin Mustafa and D-Lo Brown.

Within weeks, Crush returned to the Federation and introduced the New Nation and the global public to his best friends, his "brothers" the Disciples of Apocalypse—and Crush, Chainz, 8-Ball and Skull directions... leather and sweat covered the canvas, as the bikers wrestled and hammered their foes in a frenzy. In the smoldering aftermath, the Nation's bodies were strewn across the ring, some spread-eagle, others bewildered and Johnson severely injured with torn ligaments in his knee. Crush was later overheard telling someone that the attack was

a classic case of "stomping", which in the hardcore world of motorcycle

> clubs translates to "a beating".

The Nation of Domination, however, wasn't the only group of thugs on D.O.A.'s hit list. Savio Vega, who was also canned by Faaroog and was considered Crush's pal during their Domination days, also formed an alliance of Puertoathletes. Rican Known as Los Boricuas, Savio's gang clarified that

they wanted the Nation in the ring. They also let it be known that they wanted a piece of D.O.A., who Savio was heard calling "a bunch of cardboard

tough guys." One week after members of both camps collided on RAW, the !@#\$ hit the fan in mid-July. A panicstricken Savio interrupted the live television taping of RAW IS WAR and informed a cameraman that something had gone drastically awry in another part of the arena. It was a ruse. What the world saw was absolutely barbaric and a nightmare for anyone who enjoys



are every bit as mean as they are huge.

The Kona native, the club's leader, led the way on his custom Harley-Davidson with his brothers right behind him during another interview with the Nation on RAW. Crush explained to the world what D.O.A. was all about.

"This is a real brotherhood," he said to Faarooq. "We live together, we eat together and we sure as hell fight together."

On that cue, the leather- and chain-clad bikers rushed the Nation. Fists and feet flew in all



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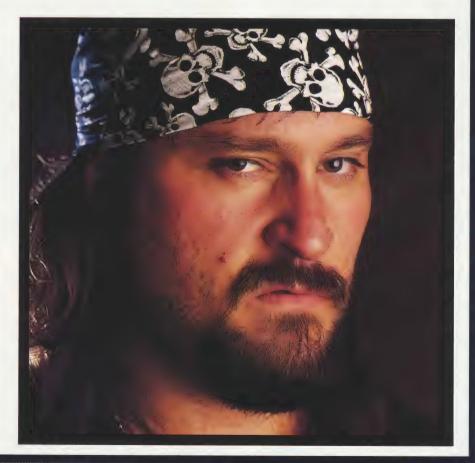
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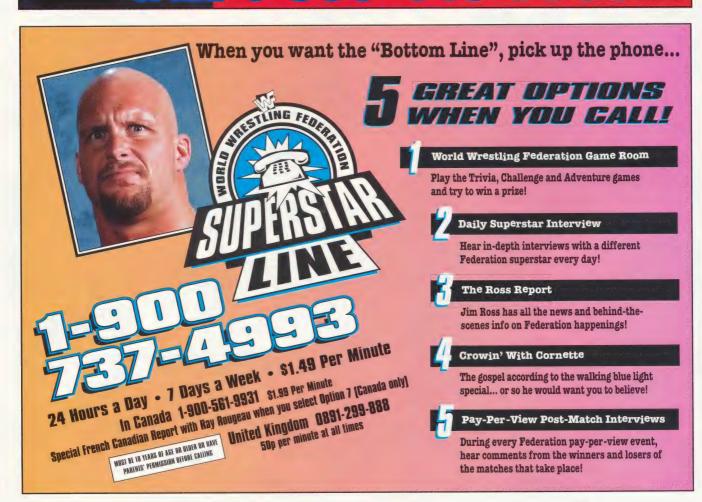


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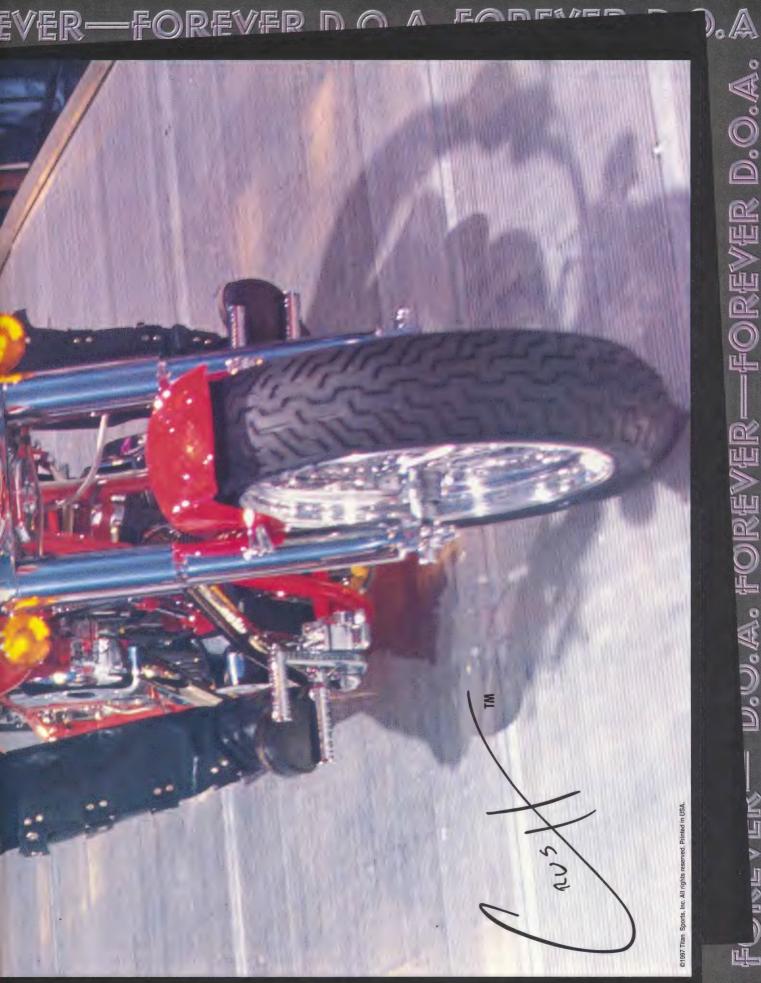


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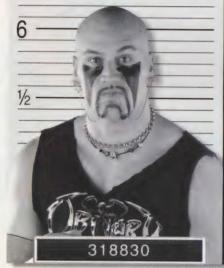
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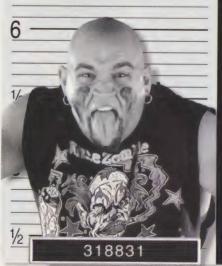
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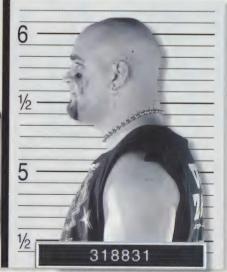
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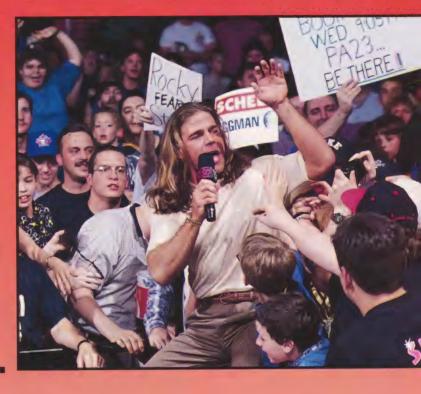


SHOTGUN SATURDAY NIGHT — Television With "REAL" Meaning.



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He had the world on a string. The ability to yo-yo the people up and down with the ease of a Duncan Imperial Master. He outright owned them.



They were hypnotized by his power... his "star" power. On the edges of their seats they anticipated his every word. If he said jump, they wouldn't waste any time asking how high. They would simply pump up their Airs and fly through the roof of the building. His wish... was their command. He had them on a "high". A "high" that they never wanted to come down from.

But then... he dropped them.

Whether it was deliberate or not, it didn't even matter. He let the air out of the balloon and let it wondrously float to the ground... smashing into a million pieces. They shared his ride... while being the victims of his fall.

The date was April 1, 1996.

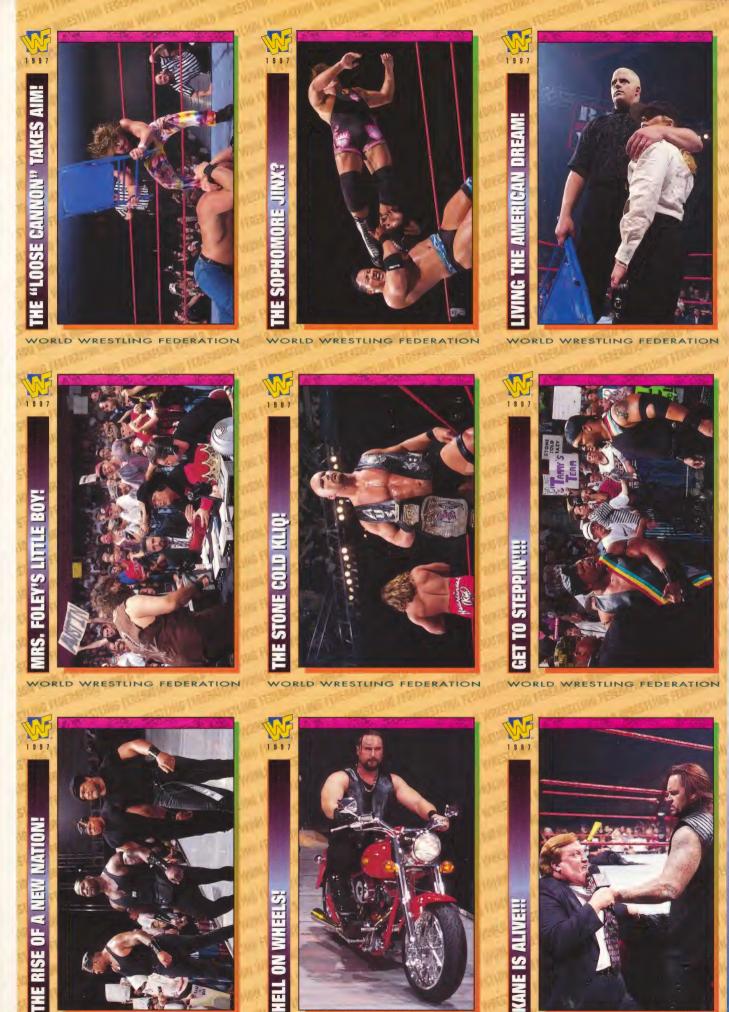
One day earlier Shawn Michaels saw his boyhood dream become a reality when he outlasted a marathon war with Bret Hart en route to becoming the World Wrestling Federation Champion. That night we were in San Bernadino, California, just hours away from a live Monday Night RAW. Scheduled on the show was an interview with Shawnhis first since capturing the gold. Backstage, Shawn was wired! He was on an adrenaline rush! He was sitting on top of the world... and he knew it. Everything he ever wanted out of life... he now OWNED!!! Like a grade school kid who was about to give his first speech in front of a class, Shawn nervously rehearsed his "acceptance" speech to me, over and over again until it was branded in his memory. Then... it was "showtime"!

Wanting to witness this moment in Federation history with "the people", I went into the arena and took my familiar position next to the hard camera. I'll never forget the feeling in that building when Shawn hit the stage. The people his people—were feeding him with a fire that was so intense that it felt like the place was going to erupt into a full-fledged inferno. I swear to you, I HAD GOOSE BUMPS!!! Like a crafty puppeteer, Shawn pulled the strings and controlled each and every one of them. Man, woman, child—it didn't matter feasted out of his very hands.

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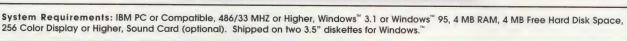
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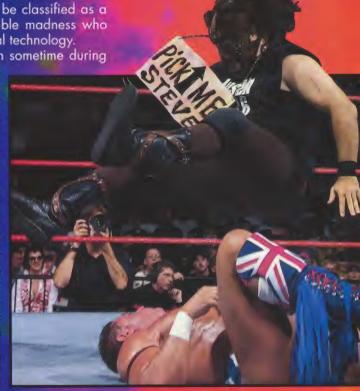
Has Mick Foley finally reversed his 30-plus years of madness?

n the terms of any psychiatric evaluation, Mick Foley could be classified as a medical miracle... a human being on the brink of irreversible madness who somehow cured himself without the use of any known medical technology.

The slow backward grinding of the gears in his mind began sometime during those in-depth RAW IS WAR interviews back in June... perhaps the moment Mankind watched a quivering Jim Ross gag for air on the floor of the Titan Television Studio. In a way, that was his little brother of some 20 years earlier under his torture, while his mom was somewhere in the back of his warped mind yelling at him to stop bashing his sibling's head into the wall. In that moment of utter chaos, some say the mind that no mental ward would touch was being repaired.

In the following weeks, it would take the trained eye of a psychologist to realize that Mankind was slowly reversing from crystal-clear dementia to the roots of his former wrestling persona Cactus Jack. In several subsequent matches, he would begin to stare into space and then spontaneously deliver his once-tokened "BANG-BANG" from his days as the man from Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. It was a sign that "Jimmy" had jarred something loose inside his mind... and now the personalities of Cactus and the Boiler Room Dweller were combined into one human being—although both sides seemed to be at war with the other.

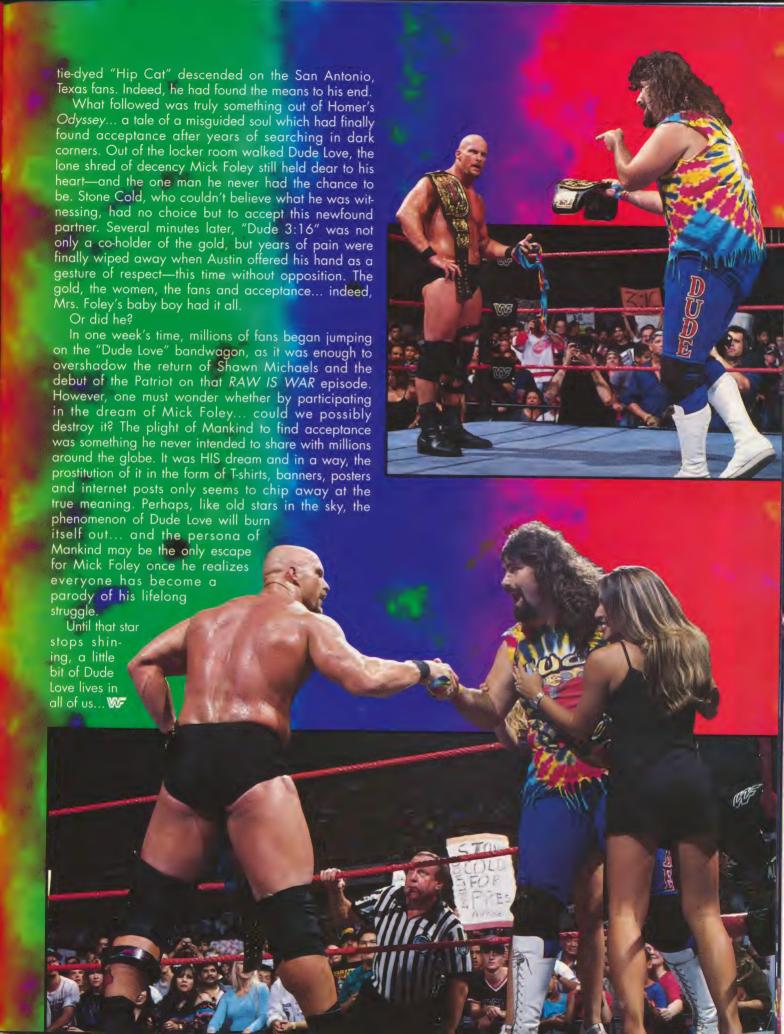
Despite the fact that this grotesque mixture of madness and morbid aggression was welcomed with open arms by the fans,



By Bill Banks









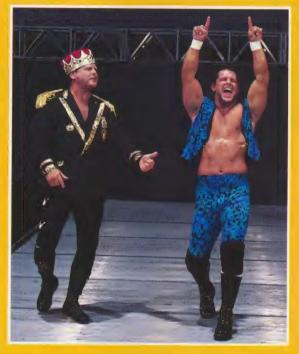
The Royal Treatment, Or A Crown of Thorns?

IS JERRY "THE KING" LAWLER BEING SELFISH, STUBBORN OR KIND?

By Kevin Kelly

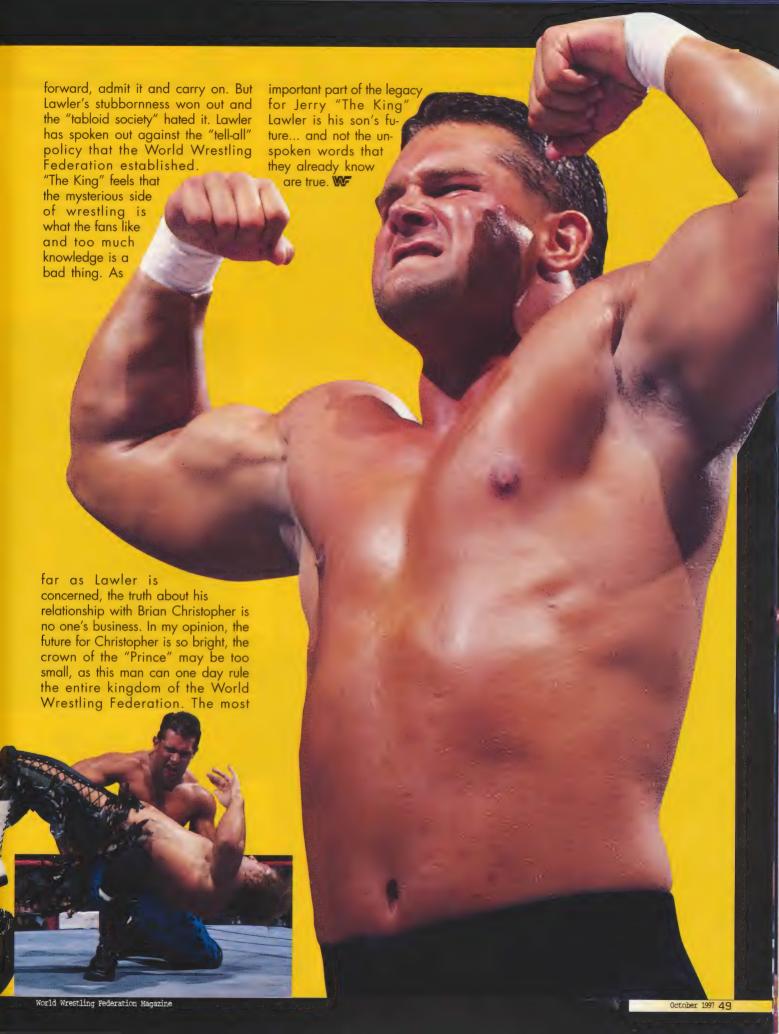
His smile said it all. The gleam in his eye proved he was proud. His body language surged with enthusiasm as he saw someone he knew very well finally living his dream of competing in the World Wrestling Federation.

It was like looking in the mirror. The young man in the ring was not only thrilled with accomplishing a lifelong goal, but having his father at ringside made it even more special. But the words the proud man spoke



were confusing and left those unfamiliar with the story wondering: Why the evasive answers to a very simple question? Why would Jerry "The King" Lawler hesitate, even for one second, to proudly announce that Brian Christopher is actually his son? Was it "The King's" enormous ego? Was it a kind of "protection" from the glaring spotlight on the son of not only a wrestling legend, but a Memphis legend—almost as big as Elvis? Or is Lawler toying with our "tabloid mentality" by not giving in to our thirst for gossip?









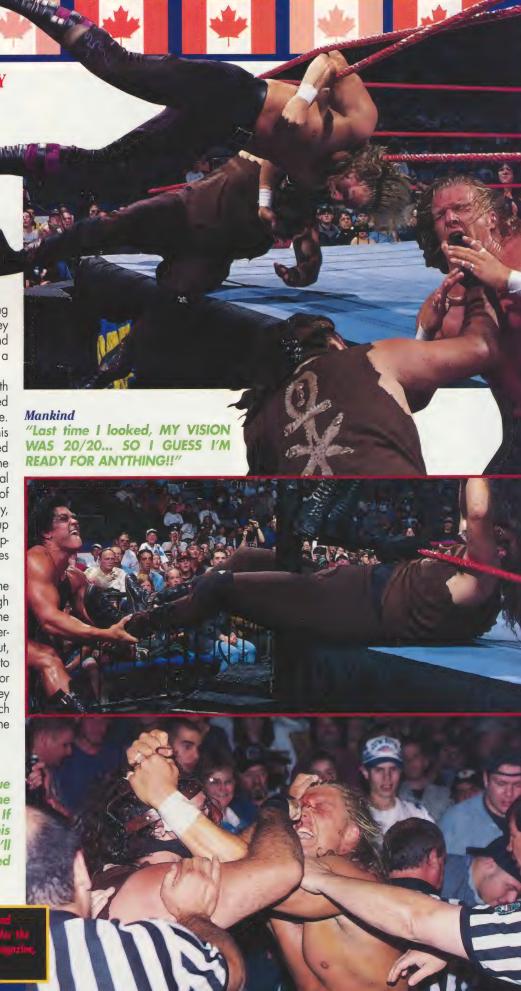
Four weeks earlier, Helmsley defeated Mankind in the final match of the King of the Ring tournament—due to the interference of the Greenwich Snob's bodyguard Chyna—and then he assaulted him during the crowning ceremonies. Intent on revenge, Mankind stormed into the ring, hurting Hunter with a bulldog headlock, leadrop and DDT, backflipping him over the ropes and delivering a crunching elbowdrop from the ring apron. Helmsley ran toward the locker room, but Mankind caught him and punished him with a suplex on the steel ramp.

Mankind nearly took the match with the Mandible Claw, but Chyna disrupted things by belting Hunter's foe in the face. Outside the ring, Helmsley whipped his opponent into Chyna, who snatched Mankind up and slammed him into the ring steps. Chyna would play a pivotal role in the contest, pulling a chair out of Mankind's hands as he targeted Helmsley, clotheslining the rival and breaking up another Mandible Claw attempt by tripping Mankind and clanging his knees against the ringpost.

Rather than try to end the clash in the ring, Helmsley dragged Mankind through the crowd to inflict more damage. As the ring announcer told the fans that the referee had ruled the match a double countout, Mankind managed to hip toss his foe into the penalty box generally reserved for Calgary Flames hockey games. Helmsley retained a bloody cut in the brawl, which continued in the parking lot through the next match.

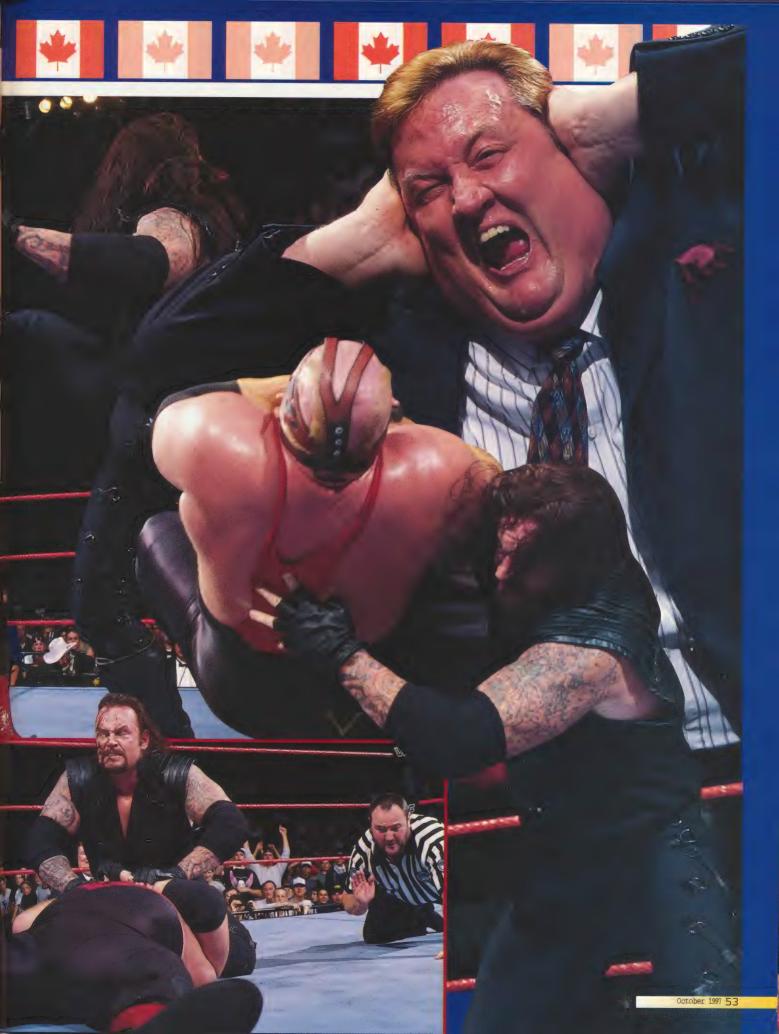
Hunter Hearst-Helmsley

"No matter how much I continue to pound that freak's head in, he still comes back for more! If Mankind wants me to join his game of an "eye-for-an-eye", I'll gladly outdo anything his warped little mind can think of!"

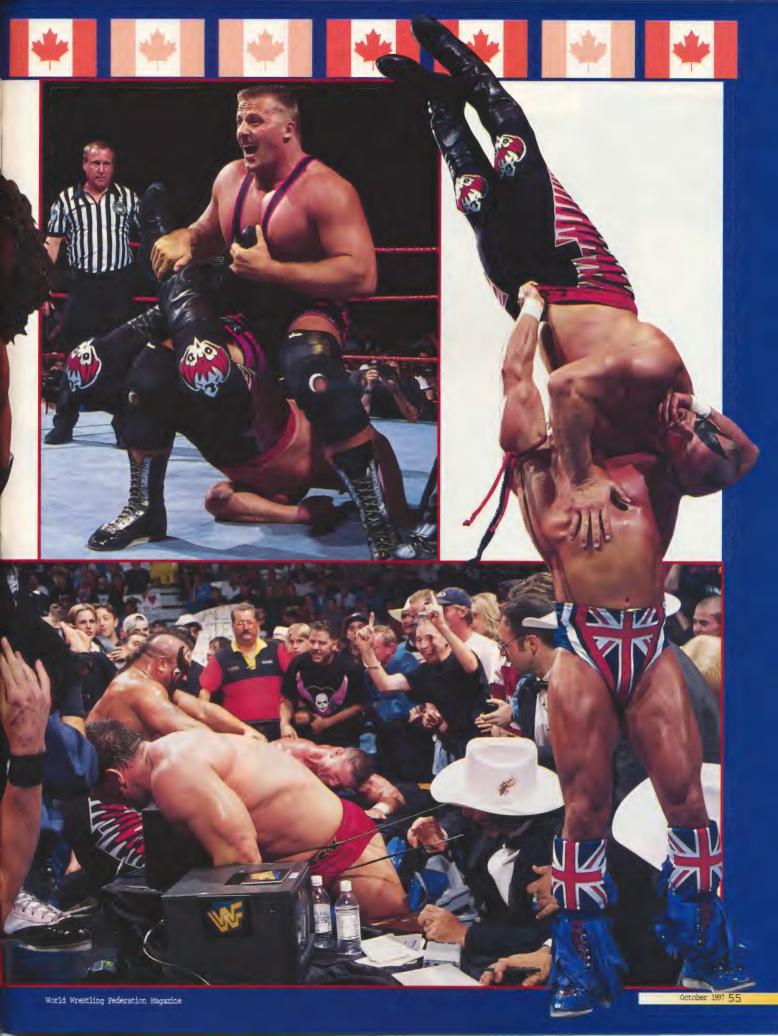


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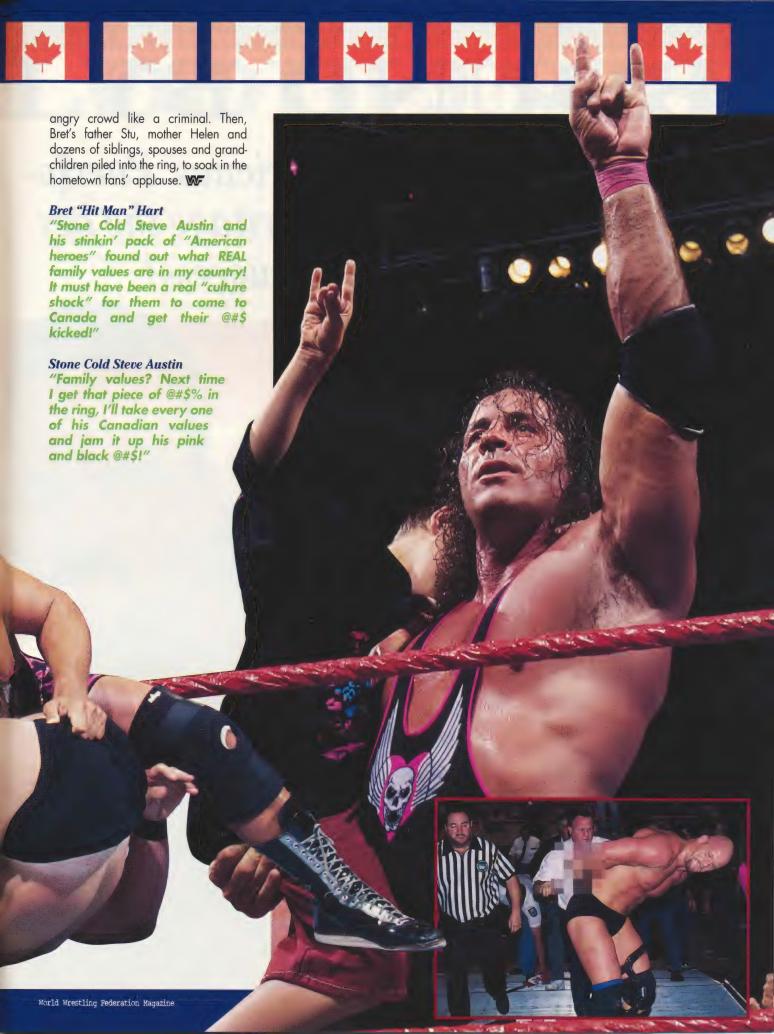














LOODLINES

t was during a June episode of RAW IS WAR when we were first exposed to them—four men of Puerto-Rican heritage, led by Savio Vega, who charged the ring and instigated an eight-man brawl with the New Nation of Domination. At the time, millions across the globe wondered: "Who are these guys? Why are they here? And who or what are they after?"

Shortly thereafter, "Los Boricuas" would become a household name...

Los Boricuas comes from the Tainos Indians of Puerto Rico. In their native language, the word "Borinquen" means "Puerto Rico". Therefore, the people of the island are called "Boricuas". Vega is driven to prove that his Boricuas—no matter how aggressive they might become—will always remain true to their proud heritage.

"There are a few people who want to try to be Cuban when they don't even speak Spanish," Savio says. "Then you have Mexicans who want to be Cubans. We are the real deal... we are Los Boricuas! It is in our blood."

As part of this new era of "warfare" in the Federation, Vega is displaying his PuertoRican lineage like never before. Back in January when he first joined the Nation, many fans felt he had turned his back on his people, his nation and most important, his heritage. Perhaps these same people now view the Latino superstar's return to his roots as a way of apologizing for his actions—his way of embracing a culture some thought he had forgotten. However, Savio completely disagrees with the notion that he disrespected the rich Puerto-Rican culture. Although he remained loyal to Faarooq in the

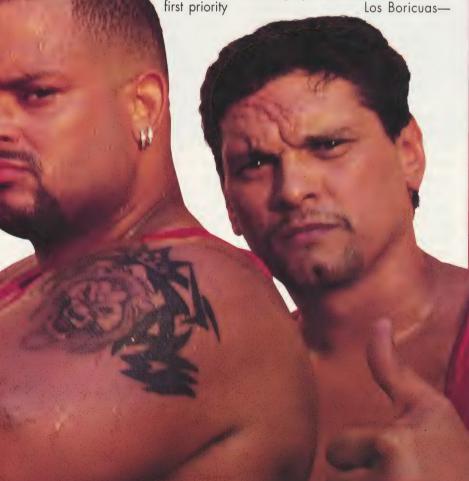
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and that claim was substantiated by the fact that he chose to reside on the beautiful Caribbean island of Puerto Rico.

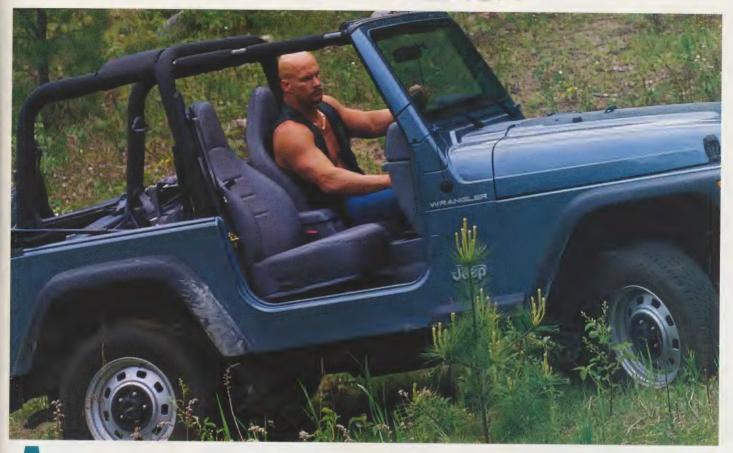
Of course, he considers the other three members of Los Boricuas a division of his "extended family." Not only has Savio wrestled against or with every member of his fraternity—but each is a proud Latino from his own homeland. First, there is Jesus "Hurricane" Castillo, son of the late "Hurricane" Castillo, Sr. of Caribbean fame. The younger Castillo has enjoyed much success as a tag team wrestler in the warm tropics, teaming up with another member of





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re the DISCIPLES OF APOCALYPSE planning to rev up their engines into a higher gear? Well, that's the rumor currently circulating the World Wrestling Federation locker room! Apparently, or so I, the Informer, am being told, even though CRUSH is indeed the leader of the Federation chapter of the D.O.A., he IS NOT in fact the "Head Hog" of the entire faction. The truth is, or so it seems, that "The Man" behind the DISCIPLES has become so fueled with fire over the recent actions of LOS BORICUAS and the "NEW" NATION that he has vowed to CRUSH that the time is nearing when "HE HIMSELF" is going to be forced to make a personal visit to BOTH Los BORICUAS and the NATION!!! I'll keep you posted as that story gains more speed!... With the recent HEAT that the HEARTBREAK KID SHAWN MICHAELS has once again put on himself, word on

the mat has it that he may have already hired yet another BODYGUARD—this being his third—to cover his marked back! Now the question is: If indeed this "business" transaction has already been made, are we familiar with this "Human Blanket"? Or, will he be a new face in the Federation? Well, guess what? I have the answer!!! Not only do we know him, BUT he's a former World Wrestling Federation Champion!... Where's SYCHO SID's head at these days? I don't think he even knows any more!!!... 1997 King of the Ring HUNTER HEARST-HELMSLEY and the "Man They Call VADER", may be discussing the possibility of becoming a tag team... I have just received word that there may soon be a masked wrestler invading the Light Heavyweight Division! At this point all I, the Informer, can say is-WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHO'S UNDER THE HOOD!... Even though

STONE COLD STEVE AUSTIN and DUDE LOVE do get along, shouldn't MANKIND still be seeking revenge against the "Ice Man"? Hmmm?... In the past we've talked about who may be JOINING the HART FOUNDATION, but we've never really discussed who may be LEAVING. Now, even though this is based strictly on hearsay and rumor, the buzz is that the only NON-FAMILY member of the HART FOUNDATION—"and you all know who he is"-may be feeling much like the "outsider" these days. Is a CANNON about to go off? Stay tuned!!!... What deep, dark, disturbing secret does MARLENA not even want her husband GOLDUST to know? Well, unfortunately for the "Golden Director", the ENTIRE WORLD may soon find out, as it is becoming more and more difficult for her to keep it under wraps!!!... Until next time... this has been... the Informer...

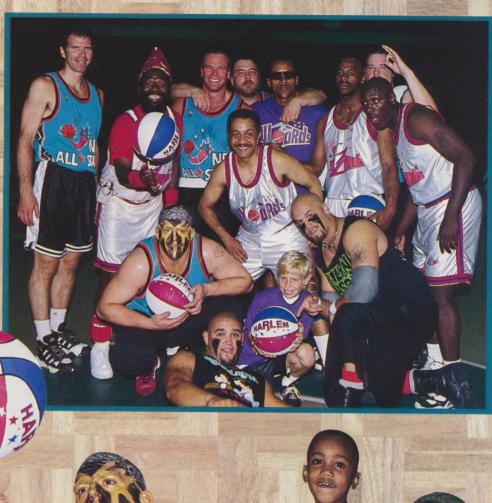


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Following the game, the Federation superstars signed autographs for many fans next door at the Long Island Marriott. Those fans in attendance at both the basketball game and the autograph session were given an opportunity to get up close and personal with these amazing athletes. Topping off the evening was a tremendous live event at the Nassau Coliseum.

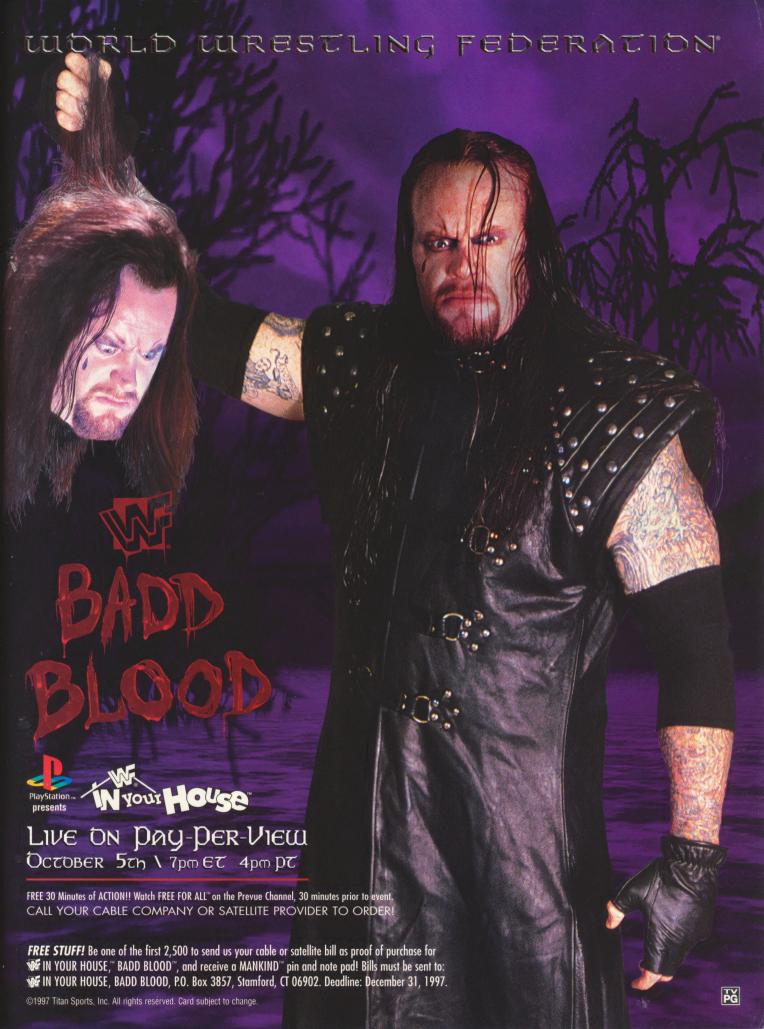
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